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WITHIN THE WEEK

The junction of the main Allied 5th army with the Anzio beach-head forces marks a highlight in the current Italian campaign. By this move Nazi Field Marshal Kesselring is being pushed back into the hills below Rome. He is now faced with the double difficulty of endeavoring to hold off the British 8th army on his left flank, and the unified 5th army forces on his right. The next few days *may*, conceivably, spell spectacular disaster for Kesselring, since Allies face the possibility of cornering up to 100,000 Nazi troops.

The trend which we suggested wk ago now develops much more clearly. The last two wks of the renewed Italian campaign leaves no reasonable doubt that Allied forces look to the early occupation of Rome. However, that term "early" is subject to some qualification. We should not think in terms of next wk, and perhaps not even next month.

It is worth noting that the Italian conquest has now become an Allied endeavor in a very literal sense of the word, with British, American, French and Canadian troops participating.

INVASION: We doubt that a certain date has been circled on the calendar to denote D-Day. The time will be determined by many contributing factors, not the least

of which is the progress made on other fronts. What transpires in Italy, and the plans of our Russian allies, will, we may be sure, have much to do with fixing the final hr. Meanwhile, the Nazis continue to fish and forecast. It is probably true, as reported, that they expected the invasion about May 15—a very good reason for *not* making the effort at that time.

AIR WAR: We have said several times in the past few mo's that peak of bombing was not yet reached. We repeat this forecast, although the past fortnight has seen an expansion to almost incredible proportions. Anticipate some further surprises. In the Reich, and in the occupied countries, our bombs are hitting and *hurting* war production.

BULGARIA: A crisis portends in the cabinet of this Balkan country, but we hardly anticipate deflection from the Nazi ranks until *AFTER* the European invasion. It is likely that Bulgaria will be the 1st of the satellites to fall.

CHINA: Chungking and the Red forces in China will have to get together, or there will presently be civil war to add to other complications. Chiang Kai-shek badly needs the Reds to stall off Japan's determined effort to occupy China this yr, knock her out of the war.



SHIFTING SANDS

If this were not an election yr it is entirely possible that we might face a program of clothes rationing in the immediate future. There is what am'ts to a mild famine in inexpensive clothing for children, house dresses, and other apparel in the lower brackets. An inflationary trend is evident, with many complaints that low-quality items are being sold at high prices. OPA promises "steps" to increase production, curb rising prices. . . . Indications are that joint committee of House and Senate will compromise on differences in employment benefit provision of GI Bill of Rights and measure is practically certain to pass this session of Congress. . . . Alcohol from potatoes will not be important factor in easing liquor shortage. Realistic prospect is that there will be no substantial diversion of alcohol from synthetic rubber field before late fall of '45. This forecast takes cognizance of all alcohol-yielding substances.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"I feel like I was equipped to accommodate a turrent gunner."—GYPSY ROSE LEE, commenting on bustles imposed by her current screen role.

"I plead guilty for labor that some few have not lived up to our no-strike pledge, but I say, too, that management, also, has violated the pledge."—R J THOMAS, pres, United Auto Workers union.

"Thru the n-w Africa campaign this officer displayed a fine leadership and in operations set a high standard by his inspiring personal example."—From a citation awarding Col ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT the decoration of commander of the British Empire. This is the 4th war decoration for the President's son.

"Where the hell do you think you're going?"—Cap't BEN ZIMMER, of Honolulu, extending the casual greeting of the beachhead to a soldier, walking south on the highway. The response of Lt FRANCIS BUCKLEY, of Phila, "I came up here to make contact with the Anzio forces." Cap't ZIMMER replied: "Well, you've made it." Thus casually, this wk, were joined the main Allied 5th Army and the Anzio sector.

"Music will never be developed in Mexico until rehearsals are well organized and everybody arrives on time."—LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI, in a letter to Mexico's president, MANUEL AVILA CAMACHO, following a hectic effort to direct Mexican Philharmonic Orchestra on the Nat'l Radio Hour.

"The principle of unconditional surrender will be adhered to as far as Nazi Germany and Japan are concerned. There is no question of Germany enjoying any guarantee that she will not undergo territorial changes if it would seem that the making of such changes would render more secure and more lasting the peace of Europe."—Prime Minister WINSTON CHURCHILL, opening a Foreign Policy debate in House of Commons.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"If I had my way, I would bomb and burn Japan, and gas them."—Cap't EDW V RICKENBACKER.

"It must be pretty tough for the Chinese to be scanning the skies for desperately needed guns and ammunition, and see a transport plane light, back up and unload a vice-president."—DAVE BOONE, commenting on pilgrimage of HENRY WALLACE.

"The Church must keep its sense of right unaffected by flag, boundary line or battlefield. . . Once the moral and spiritual intuitions of the Church become dull and dim, the one great hope of the world is gone."—Dr WM B PUGH, addressing gen'l assembly of Presbyterian Church in U S.

"It would be a splendid thing for a nation at war if all women would pause at this moment and pull their garters up a couple of inches."—Miss LOUISE WHITNEY, executive of a N Y rayon factory, who contends women are prone to place garters an inch or two below the welt, or reinforced band. The thin strands cannot withstand stress of the garter and runs are thus more frequent.

"I want to speak in defense of writers doing nothing. They are either preparing to write the best book of their career, or they are refraining from writing bad books."—Pvt WM SAROYAN (author, *Human Comedy*, etc.) addressing Czechoslovak P E N club, in London. Never one to conjure visions of the violet, SAROYAN introduced himself as "The American writer in wartime, although some of you may regard me as just an American writer in wartime."

"He can say 'Dada', 'Mama' and swear a little, but that's about all."—ROSALIND RUSSELL, commenting on precocity of her young son.

"So far I could have seen more war by going to the Telenews."—ERNEST BYFIELD, Chicago hotelman, now in London as a war correspondent, reporting on war activities of Chicago citizens.

"Everywhere thruout the country, I have been told by Republicans and independents, as well as Democrats, that the President's re-election is essential to the war effort."—ROB'T E HANNEGAN, nat'l Democratic committee chairman.

"The Administration could give away the entire U S navy and no mbr of Congress could open his mouth if we were to observe the secrecy (presidential sec'y) Early apparently proposed."—Sen BRIDGES, of N H, commenting upon rumored (and unpublished) transfer of a U S warship to Russia.

"Looking ahead, according to the present average mortality conditions, the chances are 98 to 100 that the girls will survive to sixteen."—A Statistician of Metropolitan Life Ins Co, commenting on 10th birthday anniversary of Dione quintuplets.

"Poland is going to play a very important role in Europe, and it is in the interests of the Soviet Union that Poland be strong."—JOS STALIN, as quoted by Prof OSCAR LANGE, of Chicago, who conferred with the Soviet leader at Moscow, this wk, gathering materials which presumably will be used in a campaign to gain friendship of Polish-Americans for Soviet Union.

"Soldiers removed Mr Avery much more quietly and sensibly than the marshals would have. It made a better picture, and that may have been what he wanted."—Att'y-Gen'l BIDDLE, when asked by a mbr of special House investigating committee why U S marshals had not been used rather than Marines in eviction of the Montgomery Ward board chairman.

"Burns was studying for the ministry before he entered the Navy. Personally, I think he has saved more lives as a Navy pilot than he would have as a preacher."—A Naval Commander, commenting on activities of Lt JOHN A BURNS, pilot of a Kingfisher plane, who ran an ocean "taxi service" rescuing U S airmen, forced into the water after a recent raid on Jap base at Truk.

Ads of the Wk: "WANTED: 60 women at State Sanatorium, Boonville. Good wages, board, room, and laundry. Also a few men." — Mena (Ark) *Evening Star*.

"Worship service at 11. The Jr choir will sin. Theme: It Can Happen Here."—Vernon County (Wis) *Censor*.

"Diesel engines will be taking the place of steam locomotives after the war—and there's a lot more window space to be cleaned in them."—MRS MYRTLE CLEVELAND, of E Hartford, Conn, who washes locomotive cab windows, pleasurably reviewing her personal postwar prospects.

"The supreme commander counts upon you as part of the great force now being marshaled to inflict final defeat on the Germans."—A spokesman for Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, flashing 1st orders to Europe's underground army. Listeners were told to learn to recognize the voice of the speaker, a mbr of Gen EISENHOWER's staff, thus minimizing efforts of Germans to broadcast false information.

"I consider the comic strip, 'Little Orphan Annie' a vicious example to hold up before children. Annie's adventures teach children to lie and to hold the law in ridicule. In recent episodes, Annie evaded the child labor law by making a bargain to work as an independent operator when a prospective employer said it was 'too much bother' to get a permit and employ a minor. Recently, Annie has been handling 'pay-offs' to politicians." — Miss EDITH D GWINN, special assistant, Phila board of education.

"The three great discoveries of this war are Sulpha Drugs, Blood Plasma and Faith." — Editorial, *Christian Advocate*.

"If you can't criticise the President, how can you ever get him out?"—LAWRENCE DENNIS, a defendant in the mass Sedition trial now in progress at Washington.

"The time of hope now has run its course. We have reached the top of the hill and are marching onward with the certainty of victory. Tragic hours may still separate us from our goal, but liberation is in sight."—ANTOINE DELFOSSE, Belgian minister of justice, in a radio message to the Belgian underground.

"The Alaskan Highway does not fulfill the purpose for which it was constructed. . . The American Army and the LaGuardia Committee on Joint Defense made a stupendous blunder in selecting the location of the road. They chose the one route to Alaska that was the most costly. The cost—about \$800,000 per mi—is an indescribable waste."—Rep WARREN G MAGNUSON, of Wash.

"Some farmers may be tempted to buy more land today, but now is not the time to invest in land. Land prices are 23% above 1935-39 average. The wise farmer is the one who will put every penny of his surplus in war bonds. If the postwar era is bright, he will have a much more comfortable living; if it is dark, he will have a reserve to tide him over lean yrs."—FRANK S WALKER, chairman, Va Agricultural War Bond Advisory Committee.

"We are still hoping to replace our two orangutans who died recently of tuberculosis, but we are beginning to wonder whether the zoo will ever see one of these friendly apes again. The Japs will probably eat everything they can lay their hands on before they are dislodged from the jungles of Borneo and Sumatra. What apes remain may be exterminated by bombs and gunfire as the Japs are blasted out. Some may even be mistaken for Japs!"—FLOYD YOUNG, director of Chicago's Lincoln Park zoo.

"It's quite a job; yes, sir, quite a job."—Lt-Gen OMAR NELSON BRADLEY, commander U S ground forces, commenting on coming invasion of Europe.

"The prevailing situation is now critical, and the Japanese people must convert themselves to a strong determination to advance forward speedily for the complete destruction of U S and Britain."—Premier HIDEKI TOJO.

"The next time I get a ticket, take it out of this; I can't spare the gas to be running to the police station all the time."—W F TRASK, Billings, Mont, redeeming 4 stickers for overtime parking, and offering advance payment for an add'l six.

"Have the boys say a prayer for me." — HERMAN INNIS, 70 yr old Negro, handy-man at plant of Thatcher Mfg Co, Long Island, when a sudden illness req'd an extremely hazardous operation. Accordingly, the plant whistle blew an arranged signal, all mach'y was shut down while 100 men and women prayed for the old man who had given 30 yrs of service to the firm. The operation was successful. Innis is ret'g to work.



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

"Tired of Fighting. . ."

ARTHUR VEYSEY

Eight U S infantrymen started up into the Japanese-infested Cyclops mtns. An unseen machine gun chattered; the two lead men dropped dead and rolled down the slope, a third fell with bullet wounds in his leg. The five men behind crept to the wounded man, pulled him out of the line of fire and turned back for a stretcher.

The wounded man lay there, unarmed, for an hr. Presently, from behind parted vines a 6 ft Jap marine, gun in hand, stepped forward. The wounded American showed empty arms. "No gun," he said hopefully. The marine squatted, put aside his gun, said, "Got a cigarette, Yank?"

The startled soldier produced cigarettes, matches. The big Jap started talking. Raised in California, he ret'd to Japan 6 yrs ago, was thrown into the marines. "I'm tired of all this fighting," he said. "There's 35 of us up there. I've been trying to get them to surrender, but they're all hopped up."

The wounded American suggested: "My guys are coming back after me. Why don't you stay here?"

The big marine shook his head. "Gets chilly up here," he said. "You might have to spend the night. I'll try to sneak a blanket down to you." Then he left.

Two hrs later the patrol ret'd with a stretcher. As he was carried down, reinforcements on the way passed him. There was a clatter of gunfire. The Americans came back down the hill. "We ran into 35 Japs," they reported. "Killed at least seven. One was big guy, a marine."—Abridged from *Chicago Tribune*.

AVIATION—Personnel

Newspaper men don't do us any good with that "hero" stuff. They'll get employers thinking of us as high-strung and undependable in routine jobs. It's the wrong slant. Flying's a business with us—a pretty big business, when you figure a bomber with a crew of six, loaded with bombs, represents an investment of a million dollars. The pilot we respect most—the one we want to be with when that investment, plus five or six lives, depends on us—is the one who lands safely off-tenest.

The ones who will get the pick of jobs after the war will be those who could be trusted with a million-dollar investment when everything depended on their judgment, steadiness and ability to make quick decisions.—ALLEN MAY, "What Our Airmen Think of Their Future," *Liberty*, 4-29-'44.

CHILDREN—Separation From

Oddly, a man can understand and love his own children better after a year of separation and 5000 miles than when he sees them daily and perhaps more than enough on Sundays.—HARLAN MILLER, Lt-Col with U S Army overseas, "The Man Next Door," *Better Homes & Gardens*.

CHURCH—Contributions

Billy Sunday once said: "Sometimes, before sending out my ushers, I urge people to give according to their means. When the report comes from the treasurer, I am tempted to believe they gave according to their meanness."—*Protestant Voice*.

COMPANIONSHIP—Female

A soldier in the South Pacific area presents his plaint in these four words: "Long time no she."

CRISIS—Unity

And now the hour of crisis is here! Will we, soldier AND civilian, be united there on the beachheads of fortress Europe? *The next 100 days will write history for 100 yrs to come!* Can a nation of free men, who enjoy free speech, forget petty things for these 100 days of crisis and unite in spirit and in fact to meet our great test? Can we forget every thing but one—that we are

United Americans? God grant us, ALL of us, the wisdom to see, the courage to bear and the unselfishness to unite in one glorious effort for our Country!—From an adv of HARRISBURG STEEL CORP'N.



As it now is, taxes are in the forefront of the landowner's consciousness. The more decayed the neighborhood, the lighter the taxes, in order to make it easier for the owner not to improve his property.

This is exactly the reverse of what we need. We can best advance the long-term increasing usefulness of cities to citizens by a property tax resting on land values alone, that is substantially equal to the economic rent. . . This exemption of improvements from taxation, coupled by zoning restrictions to prevent congestion, will exert economic pressure to devote land to its best rather than its worst use.

But the city cannot adequately function from taxation of property alone. A substantial part of the revenue collection from city dwellers by the state, from taxes on gasoline, etc, should be ret'd to the cities. A few states have already adopted this course.—BENJ H KIZER, past pres American Planning Officials, in a forum conducted by *American City*.

DEMOCRACY—Defined

Democracy is not a phase. It is not a strain of music. It is not even a belief. It is something that must be lived. Nor can one live it suddenly from a will to do so. The practice of democracy is a skill, like other skills. And as such it must be acquired, and the time to acquire it is in childhood. Thus, children in the schools of a democratic state learn brotherhood thru becoming acquainted with and cherishing their own and other's traditions.—AGNES BENEDICT, "Towards Democracy," *Parents*, 5-'44.

EDUCATION—Progressive

Chalk scrawl on the brickwork of an uptown progressive school:

"Donald is a bore."—*PM*.

EDUCATION—Youth

The war has taught us that the boy of 20 has something the rest of us do not have—something that science and industry need, as does war, if progress is to continue. Therefore, we must plan to complete the formal education of our youth at the age of 20 and let industry take over from there.—*WM B SROUT*, aircraft engineer and designer.

FAITH—and Works

A colored church congregation had met to pray for rain to release a long dry spell. The preacher looked severely at his flock and said:

"Brothers and Sisters, yo' all knows why we is here. Now what I wants to know is—where is yo' umbrellas?"—*Pittsburgh-Nat'l Water Jnl.*

FEAR—Wholesome

The U S 8th Army Bomber Command in England has never attempted to belittle the German enemy. When a misguided company in the U S put out an adv with the headline, "Who's afraid of the new Focke-Wulf?" somebody pinned it on the Command's bulletin board with the comment, "Sign here." Every combat officer signed; the group commander's name led all the rest.—*Target: Germany*, Compiled by editors of *Life* (Simon & Schuster).

LANGUAGE—English

While the 850 words of Basic English are claimed to be sufficient for any general literary work, about 150 additional ones were required to rewrite the New Testament in basic; among them being *soul, kingdom, disciples and heaven*.—*FREELING FOSTER*, "Keeping Up With the World," *Collier's*, 5-27-'44.

LOYALTY—to a Cause

In Atlanta still stands the house built by a fiery old Confederate who fought in the battle over that town. Having waxed rich after the war, he built himself a big stone house with

a semi-circular stairwell for which he ordered from New York, stained glass windows showing scenes of the battle. When they were delivered, to his horror he discovered that the damyanks were winning. History or no history, he wasn't going to see that defeat the last thing at night and the first thing in the morning, so back they went to New York. No price was spared to reverse history. The damyanks were licked—in his windows.—*House & Garden*, 6-'44.

"... in the Beginning"

A teakettle singing on the stove was the beginning of the steam engine.

A shirt waving on a clothesline was the beginning of a balloon, the forerunner of the Graf Zeppelin.

A spider web strung across a garden path suggested the suspension bridge.

A lantern swinging in a tower was the beginning of the pendulum.

An apple falling from a tree was the cause of discovering the law of gravitation.

If you think that you can't do very much, and that the little you can do is of no value, think on these things.—*Advertiser's Digest*.

MILITARY—Compensation

Differences in compensation between American and British forces are highlighted now that so many of our men are on British soil. Gen Sir Fred'k Pile, commander-in-chief of the British Anti-Aircraft Command tells this story:

Two American privates approached him in a London blackout and asked the way to West Kensington. Since the gen'l was also traveling in the same direction, the three hailed a taxi. They proceeded in the inky darkness, the Yanks, of course, having no clear notion of their informant's identity. At their destination the Americans insisted on paying the fare.

The gen'l protested, "I'm senior to you."

"You may be," one of the Yanks said, "but you don't get as much pay."—*Current History*.



CONFIDENTIALLY THRU A MEGAPHONE

The "dry" lobby in Washington (Anti-Saloon League, WCTU, Church League) are combining to put obstacles in way of Knutson bill which purposes to reduce tax on night club expenditures from present 30% to 10%. Strategy of "drys" is to prevent action this session, with hope many clubs will be forced out before new Congress convenes in Oct. Treasury Dep't disagrees with Knutson contention that 10% tax will yield more revenue than present 30%; points to fact that Canada is successful with 25% tax.

Farmers are being urged to sell idle horses and mules. Observers see postwar flood of small tractors and jeeps, which will cut value of animal power.

Despite contradictions, it's fact that British Broadcasting Co (gov't monopoly) seriously considers commercially sponsored programs with expiration of present charter in '46. . . Revolutionary move in U S broadcasting will date from Sept, when *Reader's Digest* takes over *Town Hall*, popular Blue network sustaining program, despite Nat'l Ass'n of Broadcasters who oppose commercial sponsorship of controversial subjects. Sponsor is to have no part in formation of program policies.

In periodical box-score rep't last wk, Gen'l Arnold told newsmen U S Army and Navy fliers have destroyed 25,000 enemy planes since our entry into war, with loss of 6900 U S craft, ratio of better than 3½ to 1.

Since conventions are discouraged, due to travel congestion, in some instances meetings are now termed "wartime conferences." Only difference is in the name.



AVIATION: Generally speaking, it's not the *flying* in bad weather that concerns commercial pilots and endangers lives of passengers; it's the *landing*. Thus much interest has been aroused by electronic blind-landing instruments which guide pilots to home airfields; enable them to hit runways accurately. Instrument, known as cross-pointer indicator is already being built into combat planes and trainers. System will be installed, rapidly as possible, at leading airports thruout country.

Demonstration of the new Bell Aircraft helicopter, inside Buffalo armory, last wk, marks revolutionary step—1st indoor flight of aircraft in U. S. Indicates remarkable degree of stability and precision control.

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MEDICINE: Dr Morris Fishbein editor, *Jnl American Medical Ass'n* forecasts indirect benefit of this war may come thru improved techniques for prevention and control of malaria. He estimates 2,000,000 in U S have malaria, with 3,000 deaths annually due primarily to disease. (*Hygeia*)

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PRODUCTS: Newest is line of dehydrated household products—rust remover, porcelain glaze, silver polish, rubber and iron cement. Small pkts for household use. User adds liquid to powder, m'xing only am't needed each time. (*Adv & Selling*)

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SYNTHETICS: At last meet of its rubber div, Am Chem Soc'y was introduced to new synthetic, *lactoprene*, a lactic acid product. Tho milk is common source of lactic acid, it can be processed thru fermentation of any abundant carbohydrate (molasses, starch, etc.) U S Dep't Agriculture conducted initial experiments.

NEUTRALITY—Swiss

This story comes from Switzerland, where they make our waterproof watches. The Germans, who don't think the Swiss are very neutral, are reported to have broadcast the incident via radio:

An American bomber crew, flying over Switzerland, was hailed by radio by the ground crew of a Swiss anti-aircraft battery. "Hey, this is neutral territory!" said the Swiss. "Yes, we know," replied the Americans. "Well, get away from here or we fire," warned the Swiss. "Yes, we know," replied the Americans. Whereupon the Swiss let loose. "Your shells are exploding a thousand yds below us," radioed the Americans. "Yes, we know!" was the calm response of the Swiss.—From an adv of SAMUELS, San Francisco jeweler.

OCCUPIED COUNTRIES—

Sabotage

Twenty-one acts of sabotage celebrated the birth of a 2nd daughter to Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark. They replaced the 21-gun salute, now forbidden. The acts were arranged by the Dutch underground.

OWNERSHIP—Rights

Title to a certain piece of earth is one of our more or less useful human fictions. The only true title to things is use, and good use in the long run is good title, while bad use is bad title. We will soon lose what we cannot use well, no matter how sure we are that we own it.—FERNER NUHN, quoted in *Nation's Agriculture*.

OWNERSHIP—Risks

Everywhere we find a strong belief in private ownership and everywhere we see a scarcity of persons willing to become owners when risk is apparent.

The demand for security is not confined to the disinherited.—EDWARD EVERETT CHASE, Pres, New England Council, quoted in *Nation's Business*.

POLITICS—Cost—Contrast

The nomination of Lincoln in 1860 cost his friends less than \$700. Judge David Davis, one of Lincoln's

intimates, told Sen John J. Ingalls of Kansas that this covered everything "including hqtrs, telegraphing, music, fare of delegates, incidentals." That was some time ago.—*Farm Jnl*.

REASON vs Bestiality

There is not the slightest danger that reason will ever gain complete ascendancy, that there will ever be too much reason on earth. There is no danger that people will some day become emotionless angels—which, to be sure, would be very dull. But that they should become beasts—which as a matter of fact would be a little too interesting—that, as we have seen, can readily happen. This tendency is much stronger in human beings than the anemic, angelic tendency.—THOMAS MANN, "What is German," *Atlantic Monthly*, 5-'44.

Optimist and Pessimist

Optimism is the digitalis of failure.—ELBERT HUBBARD.

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An optimist is one who wants but little here below—and generally gets it.

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An optimist says the bottle is half full when it is half empty.

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A pessimist thinks everybody as nasty as himself, and hates them for it.—BERNARD SHAW.

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A pessimist is one who sizes himself up and gets sore about it.

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A pessimist feels bad when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

—Collected by TED ROBINSON, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

SALESMANSHIP

A high-pressure salesman, rather prone to exaggeration, was making his peroration. "Yes, sir!" he concluded, "When I sell you that tractor at that price, I lose exactly \$18."

"Well," said the farmer placidly. "I'll tell you what: I won't take it and we'll split the \$18."—*Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

Mystery of the Fiesta Virgin

EDNA MIARS DAVIS

Five yrs ago I was living in the walled city of Cavite, in the Philippines. One thing I remember so well, one symbol of beauty and faith as dear to me as to the Filipinos—the lovely painting of the Fiesta Virgin which hung in the yellow-washed church. One day Juan, our coachman, drove me past the old edifice.

"Soon the fiesta comes, senora," he said, "Then we can again see the picture."

Several wks passed. Then one morning Juan came in beaming. "It is the fiesta, senora," he said. "It comes tonight."

Filipinos, young and old, occupied every space on the sidewalk. Others leaned from balconies. In front walked the padre. Altar boys swung incense before him. Acolytes lifted the train of his robes. High above the heads of the people, supported by a wooden standard, appeared the painting of the Virgin. Even in that uncertain light, its beauty was apparent; the edge of the frame surrounded by jewels.

As time went on, I asked many questions, turned, finally, to an aged Spanish priest. Father Tomas told me he had come to the Philippines during the Spanish rule. He, too, had been astounded when he saw the exquisite painting of the Fiesta Virgin. For many yrs he sought its origin before he was told of a terrible typhoon that ravished the island of Luzon long before his time. No one had ever seen such destruction. One afternoon at twilight, as hundreds prayed for deliverance, a Spanish soldier rushed into the church.

"An object approaches," he cried. "Something rides the mountainous waves!"

The priest and parishoners, hard-

ly able to stand against the fury of the wind, gathered on the beach. As they watched, the waves cast upon the shore the jewel-studded painting of the Fiesta Virgin. When the astounded Father stooped to lift the picture, the wind abated, the waves became still.

"It is a miracle," the padre said. "We will place the picture in the Church, protect its beauty with a fair linen cloth."

Father Tomas was not satisfied with the explanation of the Virgin's arrival, but could learn no more until, after many yrs, he ret'd to Madrid for a course in the seminary. While waiting to enroll, his eyes were drawn to a picture hanging above the registrar's desk. It was a replica of the Fiesta Virgin.

"This," explained Father Tomas, "was the original. It was called 'La Virgen de Las Palomas' or 'Virgin of the Doves' and had been painted by a celebrated artist. The only copy ever made was sold to a wealthy ship-owner whose vessels traded between China, Mexico and the Philippines. It was hung in the cabin of an adventurous Spanish captain when he sailed so proudly from the Old World. He never ret'd! The Virgin of the Fiesta had washed upon the Filipino shore, all that was left of a rich cargo."

And so, today, I can only wonder whether the Virgin of the Doves still stands above the altar of the quaint, bare church. Somehow, I feel she is there still, unveiled now, and gazing with pity upon the bowed heads of the stricken people.

"Do not weep, my children," she must whisper from the dim recess of the altar. "This is but another storm to test your faith. Have courage, my children, calm of evening will come again."—Abridged from *The Woman*.

served:

"Blimey, could we pay for the war if fellers like us didn't drink or smoke? It seems to me that teetotalers and non-smokers are nothin' but blinkin' fifth columnists."—*London Daily Mail*.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

Fable in Slang

GEO ADE

GEO ADE, the Hoosier author who died last wk, in his 78th yr, was perhaps best known for his Fables in Slang. A typical example is abridged below:

An attractive Debutante knew two Young Men, Fred and Eustace, who called on her every Thursday evening and brought their Mandolins along. Mothers often remarked, "What Perfect Manners Fred and Eustace have!" The Debutante's name was Myrtle. Her Parents were very Watchful.

Fred's Cousin Gus came from St Paul on a visit. One Day he saw Myrtle and noticed that Fred tipped his Hat. "What Night," he asked "are you going to take me around to Call?"

Fred Hemmed and Hawed. For Gus was the Kind of Fellow who, on the Third Visit, would call a girl by her First Name. But Gus insisted. He said Myrtle Suited him from the Ground up. So the boys agreed to take him if he promised to Behave.

"Play something, Boys," Gus ordered as soon as he had been Properly Presented. Just as if he had paid them Money to make Music for him. Then he asked Myrtle if she had seen the New Moon. So they went Outside.

After that, for several wks, Gus kept Myrtle so Busy she had no time to Think of Other Candidates. He sent Books to her Mother, and allowed the Old Gentleman to Trim him at Poker.

They were Married in the Autumn. Father took Gus into the Firm, saying he had needed a good Pusher for a long time.

At the Wedding, the two Mandolin Players were permitted to act as Ushers.

TAXES—British

Bill Smith, a Cockney, noting that a man who earns 10 pounds a wk (\$40), smokes 30 cigarettes and drinks a pt of beer a day, and goes to the movies once a wk, pays in taxes the equivalent of \$22.50, ob-

During the course of a revival meeting, while members of the congregation were being asked to renounce their worldly sins and become converted to the true faith, a faded-looking woman rose and came forward to testify to her recent change of heart.

"So you, too, have experienced spiritual awakening?" said one of the evangelists, joyfully. "Tell us about it please!"

"Well," said the woman, "I used to be foolish and vain. I thought only of worldly things, especially fashions and styles. I lived only for my beauty and personal adornment. Silks, satins, and laces were my deadly sins."

"Indeed!" said the evangelist.

"Yes, silks, satins and laces were my deadly sins. . . . But, when I found out they were dragging me down to perdition, I gave them all to my sister."—*Capper's Wkly.*

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Six WAC officers were billeted with an English family. They had difficulty with the different usage of words common to both countries' vocabularies.

One night they had been discussing the mail system between England and the U. S. One of the WACS turned to their host and asked, "What do you think of the American V-mail form?"

Papa reddened and looked embarrassed.

"You've seen it, haven't you?" persisted the WAC.

"It's quite different from the English, you know." Papa stammered an agreement, glanced at his wife.

When the WACS went into details, he exclaimed, "Oh! I thought you meant the American *female* form."—*Parade.*

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The colored attendant in a substitution of one of the great electrical companies was asked if he knew what electricity was.

"Yas, sah," he replied confidently. "Co'se Ah does. You see dat dynamo. Hit whirl 'roun' an' mek electricity. Ah goes 'bout wid dis can an' squirts in de oil. Den dose wires dey carry hit all ovah town. Goes right t' yo' house. But dey's jes one thing Ah can't git clear in my haid. Ah don't see how dey gits de oil into dem lil' bulbs!"

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

THE GOVERNOR GUFFAWED

C A BOTTOLFSEN,
Governor of Idaho

This one is *on* the Governor!

In an address before a Masonic group, I prefaced my remarks by saying how pleasant it was to be talking on an occasion when the subject was removed from politics.

I was discussing Paul Revere, whom I had intended to characterize as "a staunch patriot and dramatic herald." But the "dramatic" slipped into "democratic"—and was immediately greeted by much laughter by my listeners, most of whom were aware that I am a mbr of the Republican party. I got out of that one as smoothly as I could by adding—after a burst of laughter—"but a Republican of long standing!"

Little June came running to her grandmother, holding a dry pressed leaf.

"I found it in the big Bible, grandma," she cried excitedly. "Do you suppose it belonged to Eve?"

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Eddie Albert, the film actor who participated in the invasion of Tarawa, reports that during the mopping up process he discovered a group of marines trying to question a wounded Jap.

"He's an educated Jap. Educated in America," one marine told Albert, "but he won't talk."

"Has he said anything at all?" asked Albert.

"Yeah, at first," replied the marine. "He came out with his hands up, said he was a Harvard man, and asked if any of us was from Harvard. We told him no—so he just won't talk to us."—*The Link.*

Mose Lightfoot, one of the best hod carriers on the job, lost his footing and fell to the street, four stories below. Mose hit on his head, struck the cement pavement and went through to the basement. When the foreman went to the basement, expecting to find Mose cold and stiff, he met Mose coming up the steps. "Great Scott, man, I thought you were killed!" he cried. "No," Mose replied, dusting off his clothes. "I guess that concrete pavement broke my fall." — *The Casualty & Surety Journal.*



OF THE WEEK

The flapper who pays \$5 an oz for perfume had a grandmother who went to school with an asafetida bag around her neck.—*Grit.*

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The trouble with women is that they'd rather mend your ways than your socks.—*Montreal Star.*

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A woman's idea of a perfectly terrible nightmare is to be in a room with a thousand lovely hats—and no mirror.—RAY D EVERSON, *Farmer's Guide.*

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There are songs that never die. But it isn't the radio's fault.—*Banking.*

